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CHLOROMETHYL-THIAZOLE

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Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR §§ 1.115 and 1.111

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 28, 1999 (Paper No. 11) and has been filed within 3 months from the mailing date of the said Office Action and therefore a petition for extension of time is not necessary in the instant case.

Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:



---6. A process according to claim 2, wherein the <u>process is conducted in the presence of a solvent,</u> where said solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, strong organic carboxylic acids, aromatic, aliphatic and alicyclic hydrocarbons and halogenated hydrocarbons, mixtures of these solvents.---